GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF KHO-KHO, KABADDI ETC.
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to encourage sports like Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Long jump and High jump in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the amount to be provided by the Government for promotion of each of the above sports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b):Yes, Sir. Government is already implementing the scheme of `Rural Sports Programme` under which competitions are organized in the disciplines like Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Long Jump and High Jump (as events of Athletics)

Besides the aforesaid progaramme, sports persons in the disciplines of Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball etc. are also being trained in the Sports Authority of India Training Centres which are situated throughout the country. Many of the trainees admitted in these training centres are identified and selected from the rural and back-ward areas of the country.

(c) An amount of Rs. 30,000/- per discipline, including the discipline of Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Long jump and High jump, is provided to State Government`s for organization of State level Sports Tournaments on receipt of viable proposals from them. In case of Union Territories, an amount of Rs. 15,000/- per discipline is sanctioned. The national level tournaments, separately for men and women, are also organized by Sports Authority of India. A financial assistance of Rs. 2 lakhs, per discipline is given for these tournaments to be organized in various States, by rotation.